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Artillery Regiment in Papa.

- 25X1B 1. Prior to 8 June 1950, a Hungarian motorized artillery regiment, which 25X1 was subordinate to a division headquarters in Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00), was located in the so-called New Barracks south of Papa (P 48/Y 30), on the west side of the road to Varosloca (P 48/D 58). The regiment, with about 300 men in June 1950, was gradually enlarged to about 1,200 men through the induction of draftees. The regiment was activated from a horse-drawn artillery battalion in Komarom (P 48/V 75) on 1 November 1949 and was stationed there up to March 1950. (1)
2. Officers of the regiment included 48-year-old Major Jozsef Gasztonyi, regimental commander, a former professor of mathematics; Captain Bakay (fnu), commanding officer of 1st Bn; Captain Gabor Sebestyen, commanding officer of 2d Bn; Captain Gergeley Miklos, commanding officer of 3d Bn; Captain Lajos Porga, political officer; Gyula Kertai, chief of staff, deputy regimental commander, and director of training; Junior Lieutenant Pal Fishar, "D"-officer; Senior Lieutenant Laszlo Virag, personnel officer; Captain Toth (fnu), ordnance officer; and Captain Rudolf Borbas, motor transport officer.
3. The regiment consisted of a headquarters and three battalions. The regimental headquarters included a supply section which was in charge of finance, ration supply, clothing supply, and transportation affairs. (2)
4. Prior to 8 June 1950, the regiment was equipped with 8 to 10 Hungarian-made 105-mm guns, which originally belonged to the deactivated artillery battalion in Komarom. Although the ordnance officer went to Budapest in late May 1950 to pick up additional guns, no guns had arrived prior to the day of desertion. From 10 to 15 unused mortars were stored in an ordnance building of the barracks installation. Prior to early 1950, the regiment was equipped with 14 small trucks, 2 x 3-ton Raba trucks, 3 GMC trucks, and 2 passenger cars. From 35 to 40 trucks of various types came in during early May 1950.
5. The officers and the EM participated in two mandatory political indoctrination lessons weekly. Also, political two-hour evening seminars for beginners and advance students were held on two days weekly. The officers and the NCOs

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were required to subscribe to the daily Szabad Nep, the weekly Nephadscrog, and the monthly Honved. The MI were supposed to subscribe only to the Szabad Nep.

6. Upon the arrival of the recruits, an ECO school of about 110 men, which was attended also by AAA, signal and infantry personnel, was established at the regimental headquarters. In addition, there was a course for 15 armor-  
artificer candidates, among them some infantry ECOs.

#### General Troop Information.

7. The division headquarters in Szekesfehervar, which had been located in the Frigyes Barracks in Gyoeer prior to March 1950, [redacted] Its officers included 50-year-old Lieutenant Colonel Hazi (fnu), division commander; Major Ferenc Kato, paymaster; and Captain Doemontoor (fnu), ration supply officer. (3) 25X1

8. In April 1950, some AAA units from Suettoer (P h8/X 83), which were referred to as AAA regiment and were allegedly subordinate to the division in Szekesfehervar took part in field exercises in the Gyulafiratos (P h8/D 79) area, in which the artillery regiment from Papa also participated.

9. An infantry regiment [redacted] was activated in November 1949, was located in the old barracks installation in Komarom.

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#### 15th Border Guard Training Battalion in Budapest.

11. The 15th Border Guard Tng Bn was located in the Voroshilov Barracks, formerly Nadasdy Barracks, on Haller Street, Budapest, [redacted] A signal training company of the battalion was commanded by Senior Lieutenant Laszlo Bak [redacted] It consisted of four radio platoons of 30 and 35 men each, which were equipped with Hungarian model R-3 radio sets. The company practiced direction finding and radio communication in the Andornak (R h8/J 55) area between 10 and 22 June 1950. The company, whose troops carried Soviet model M-48 rifles, was equipped with 1 passenger car, 1 radio truck and 2 Opel Blitz trucks. In June 1950, the battalion had a ration strength of 1,030 men. (5) 25X1
12. Special training courses for about 40 drivers, about 40 first-aid men, about 30 farriers, and about 150 signal troops were held at the training battalion.

#### [redacted] Comments.

- (1) Previous reports stated that an artillery unit was located in Papa. See [redacted] the motorized artillery regiment in Papa was observed [redacted] with an artillery battalion in Kiskocroes in March 1951, which, however, does not necessarily prove that the unit [redacted] was located in Kiskocroes in March 1951. For sketch of barracks installation in Papa, see Annex 2. 25X1 25X1 25X1B
- (2) Although source worked in the administration offices, the information on the unit's T/O is incomplete.

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- (3) A Lieutenant Colonel Sander Nazi was mentioned in the April 1950 issue of the Hungarian gazette. Since there is a shortage of reliable Communists among the Hungarian senior officers, it seems quite possible for a Lieutenant colonel to be in command of a division. Captain Pal Doornstoer was identified as commandant of the ration supply depot in Szombathely in 1949.

- (4) [REDACTED]
- (5) The border guard training battalion has been repeatedly confirmed in the former Nadasdy Barracks; the latest report was dated January 1949.

2 Annexes: 1. One Standard Language Questionnaire.  
2. One sketch on ditto.

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